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APPARATUS WITH A STATOR AND A SLEEVE

Prior Art

The invention is based on an apparatus with a stator and a sleeve, as generically defined by the preamble to claim

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From British Patent Disclosure GB 2303744 A1 or GB 1401234 A1, it is already known for a stator to be secured in a housing by means of a heat fit or shrink fit. However, this method is complicated since the housing has to be heated, and during use the combination of stator and housing can come loose again during heating of the housing.

French Patent Disclosure FR 2726700 A1 already shows how a bayonet mount is used to secure a brush holder housing to a stator. However, this brush holder housing does not surround the stator.

From US Patent 4,992,686, it is also known for a stator to be secured in the axial direction in a housing by means of a bayonet mount. However, the bayonet mount is not formed here by the outer housing and stator but rather by an additional element and the housing. This additional element is forced into the housing and rotated therein and thereby secures the stator in the housing.

Advantages of the Invention

The apparatus of the invention with a stator and a sleeve, as defined by the characteristics of the body of claim 1, has the advantage over the prior art that a sleeve

can be secured to a stator in a simple way.

By the provisions recited in the dependent claims, advantageous refinements of and improvements to the apparatus defined by claim 1 are possible.

5 One advantageous embodiment of a bayonet mount is that the bayonet mount is formed by nonpositive engagement.

For the magnetic properties of the stator, it is advantageous if the stator comprises at least one lamination packet.

10 It can be equally advantageous for the magnetic properties of the sleeve if the sleeve comprises at least one lamination packet.

An advantageous use of the sleeve is that it form a magnetic short-circuit element.

15 It is also advantageous if the stator has an at least partly present plastic sheath, which can also form a bayonet mount with the sleeve.

Drawing

20 One exemplary embodiment of the invention is shown in simplified form in the drawing and described in further detail in the ensuing description.

Shown are

Fig. 1, an apparatus according to the invention, with a stator and a sleeve;

Fig. 2, a stator pole tooth;

Figs. 3a and 3b, a detail of the apparatus of Fig. 1 with a stator and a sleeve, in the open and closed state of a bayonet mount.

5 Description of the Exemplary Embodiment

Fig. 1 shows an apparatus having a stator 1 embodied according to the invention and a sleeve 5 embodied according to the invention, of the kind used for instance in an electric motor.

10 The apparatus with the stator 1 and sleeve 5 has a center axis 7. Stator pole teeth 11, for instance six of them, are distributed, uniformly for example, about the center axis 7. The stator 1 can comprise a solid material or can for instance comprise a lamination packet that is formed of at least one lamination.

15 In this exemplary embodiment, each stator pole tooth 11 forms one lamination packet; that is, there are six separate lamination packets, which are connected as individual stator pole teeth 11 to one another in a non-magnetically conductive fashion.

20 The stator 1 has a plastic sheath 15, which for instance is at least partially present and which in this exemplary embodiment carries and holds together the individual stator pole teeth 11. If the stator 1, which has magnetically conductively connected stator teeth 11, comprises a lamination packet or a solid material, then
25 nevertheless a plastic sheath may be present, for instance to protect the stator 1 against corrosion or to form a

waterproof inner conduit 18. The sleeve 5 can likewise
comprise solid material or at least one lamination packet.
If the sleeve 5 comprises a soft magnetic material, it can
also act as a magnetic short-circuit element. A rotor (not
shown) is for instance disposed around the center axis 7 and
together with the stator 1, among other elements, forms an
electric motor. Such a rotor is shown for instance in GB
2303744 A1.

Fig. 2 shows a stator pole tooth 11. The stator pole
tooth 11 has a pole foot 45, a pole head 47, and a pole tooth
axis 21, which passes through the center axis 7. An inner
radius 22, forming a inner face 49 of the pole foot 45 of the
stator pole tooth 11, this foot being embodied in curved
fashion, likewise passes through the center axis 7. An outer
radius 26 on the pole head 47, also embodied in curved
fashion, of the stator pole tooth 11 extends from an offset
axis 24 that extends parallel to the center axis 7. The
offset axis 24 is offset from the center axis 7 by a spacing
a, for instance along a line 51 extending perpendicular to
the pole tooth axis 21 and in the plane of the drawing. On
each pole head 47 of the stator pole teeth 11, this creates
curved outer faces 43, which are offset from the inner face
49 of the pole foot and to which the sleeve 5 can be joined
with play in a rotated position. If the sleeve 5 is then
rotated relative to the stator pole teeth 11, then as a
consequence of positive engagement, the sleeve 5 becomes
wedged at the stator pole teeth 11, which has the effect of a
bayonet mount 30, thereby compensating for slight production
variations.

Fig. 3a shows a stator 1 with a sleeve 5 in a position
of the bayonet mount 30 in the open state, and Fig. 3b shows
it in a position of the bayonet mount 30 in the closed state.

The sleeve 5 has at least one shoulder 37, for instance on its inner face 33. There are repeated shoulders 37, spaced apart uniformly in the direction of revolution on the inner face 33 of the sleeve 5 and corresponding in number to the number of stator pole teeth, for instance. The inner face 33 of the sleeve 5 is embodied in the vicinity of each shoulder 37 in such a way that the spacing from the center axis 7 suffices for the sleeve 5 in this position to be thrust over the stator 1 with its stator pole teeth 11. In a direction of revolution that is opposite from what is shown here as a clockwise closing direction 35, the inner face 33 is embodied such that its spacing from the center axis 7 decreases, so that when the sleeve 5 is rotated in the closing direction 35, the sleeve 5 wedges with at least one stator pole tooth 11, or with the plastic sheath that extends as far as the pole head 47, and enters into nonpositive engagement, thereby forming a bayonet mount 30.

It is not necessary that every stator pole tooth 11 come into contact with the sleeve 5 to form a bayonet mount 30.

The plastic sheath 15 can also be embodied in such a way that it forms the bayonet mount 30 with the sleeve 5, and/or it can also be shaped as a coil body, for instance, for a coil 40.